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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The use of the trademark VELCRO has been noted in this application. It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology hook and loop fastener.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the use of the tradename "NAUTICA" which is that of another should be avoided unless permission has been given since the tradename is not of a material used to make the invention but is for decoration. Reference number 35 is not in the specification..

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because the writing should be removed from the figures. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the

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art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

On page 7, lines 3-4 it is stated that a "watertight boundary" for enclosure 13 is "formed". However, it is stated that it is formed by a hook and loop fastener component. This alone does not form the watertight seal. The adhesive is necessary, as described on page 8 to form the seal. Page 7 is incomplete and unclear and the use of the adhesive which is necessary to form the watertight seal should be included.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fakoury (US 3,829,995).

In regard to claims 1, 3 and 4 Fakoury discloses an accessory pocket for attachment to a garment comprising an inner enclosure (not numbered) having a border portion (at 22) directly attached to the garment by the portion (56) by sewing (col. 2, lines 32-37) and a translucent interior portion (78) with transparent ply (82); first attachment means (88); a flap, being the lower holder portion (24) with second attachment means

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(86a) for releasable engagement with the first attachment means wherein the flap covers the translucent interior portion of the inner enclosure when the lower portion 24 is folded up and the fasteners 88 and 86a are connected. The enclosure includes an opening at 32 defined by a top edge (32) with sealing means, flap (46) for sealing the top edge to the garment with fasteners (50). The flap includes a bottom edge (40) attached to the garment with fastener (50) in spaced relation from a corresponding lower edge of the enclosure (42). (See Fakoury, figure 1 and col. 2, lines 32-37).

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Golde (US 5,884,338).

Golde discloses an accessory pocket for attachment to a garment (such as pants shown) comprising an inner enclosure with pocket (18) having a border portion directly attached to the garment and a translucent interior portion (34); first attachment means (zipper component portions (20,22), a flap (24) with a second attachment means (complementary zipper component portions 20,22) for releasable engagement with the first attachment means wherein the flap (24) is sized to completely cover the translucent interior portion (34) of the inner enclosure. The first and second attachment means are zippers and are substantially watertight as broadly claimed. The enclosure includes an opening defined by a top edge (adjacent reference number 24) with sealing means, flap (28). The flap (24) includes a bottom edge (26) as seen in figure 4 attached to the garment in spaced relation from corresponding lower edge of the enclosure. The enclosure has side edges (at 20,22) and a lower edge attached (at 26) to the garment as seen in figure 4. (See Golde, figure 2-4; col. 3, line 38 – col. 4, line 43).

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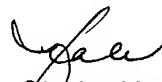
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria Hale whose telephone number is 703-308-1282. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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